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In re application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the present application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the text of claim 6 with the following text:

6. A vehicle managing method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the satellite is a non-geostationary satellite that is in an elliptic orbit.

REMARKS

Claim 6 is amended; marked up versions of the amended claim is attached hereto pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6700 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Version with markings to show changes made:

6. A vehicle managing method according to [any of claims] claim 1 [through 5] or 2, wherein the satellite is a non-geostationary satellite that is in an elliptic orbit.